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Re: Improved Specimen Container  
Our Reference: 16850-00007

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a new Divisional patent application, including formal papers. This is a Divisional of Patent Application No. 09/313,864 filed May 18, 1999, as follows:

Applicant: Drummey et al.

Title: Improved Specimen Container

Number of Pages of Specification: 21; Claims: 9; Drawings: 27; and Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Filing Fee Calculation (Small Entity):

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Total number of claims in excess of 20: 10 x \$9.00	\$90.00
Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3: 1 x \$42.00	\$42.00
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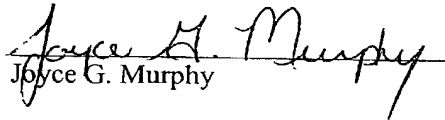


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